

HOUSE BILL 1844  
By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,  
Chapter 23, relative to social workers and  
consumer protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 23, is amended by adding  
the following as a new section:

63-23-111.

(a) A social worker is an individual who has:

(1) Received a baccalaureate or master's degree in social work from an  
accredited social work program approved by the council on social work  
education;

(2) Received a doctorate or Ph.D. in social work; or

(3) A current certified master social worker certificate or independent  
practitioner of social work license as set forth in § 63-23-102 and § 63-23-103.

(b) No person shall hold out to be a social worker unless such person has:

(1) Received a baccalaureate or master's degree in social work  
from an accredited social work program approved by the council on social  
work education;

(2) Received a doctorate or Ph.D. in social work; or

(3) A current certified master social worker certificate or  
independent practitioner of social work license as set forth in § 63-23-102  
and § 63-23-103.

(c) No government entities, public or private agencies, business or organizations in the state shall use the title social worker or any form of the title for volunteer or employment positions or within contracts for services, documents, manuals, or reference material effective July 1, 2005, unless the volunteers or employees in those positions meet the criteria set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.